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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES CHRIS FINLAY AND SUE CONSOLO MURPHY

Superintendent Steve Martin is pleased to announce that two new division chiefs are joining Grand Teton National Park's staff. Chris Finlay arrived from Assateague Island National Seashore on August 10th to become Grand Teton's new chief of facility management and Sue Consolo Murphy will transfer in late October from Yellowstone National Park to serve as Grand Teton's new chief of science and resource management.

Chris Finlay brings to Grand Teton National Park ten years of experience with the National Park Service (NPS), working as an architect and facilities chief. Finlay served as an architect for the NPS Denver Service Center from 1993-1998, and for Assateague Island National Seashore from 1998-2002. Most recently, Finlay was chief of facility management at Assateague Island. Before his NPS career, Finlay spent several years as a landscape architect in the private sector.



Finlay holds two Master's degrees—one in architecture and a second in landscape architecture—from the University of Colorado at Denver. In 1989, he earned a Bachelor of Science in environmental design from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. During his NPS career, Finlay has received various honors and awards, including the National Park Service's STAR Award for Sustainable Design Initiatives, Honorable Mention for the White House Closing the Circle Award, a Certificate of Excellence Award from the Denver Service Center, and an NPS scholarship.

Finlay is joined by his wife, Cate, a schoolteacher in elementary special education, and their two sons, eight-year-old Myles, and five-year-old Colin.

Sue Consolo Murphy is currently chief of cultural resources in Yellowstone National Park, where she has worked for a number of years. Consolo Murphy began her NPS career in 1975 as a seasonal park technician in Rocky Mountain National Park. Since then, she has worked at Muir Woods National Monument and Badlands National Park. She also worked at the Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition Office in Washington D.C., and with the National Forest Service in Utah.

Consolo Murphy graduated with highest honors, earning a Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Wyoming and a Master of Science in Resource Conservation from the University of Montana. She is also a graduate of the NPS Natural Resource Management Specialists training program. In addition to her work in cultural resources, Consolo Murphy's professional experience is diverse; past jobs include management biologist, resource management specialist, writer-editor, park ranger, land appraiser and other related positions.

Consolo Murphy arrives October 20, accompanied by husband Dr. Kerry Murphy, a wildlife biologist in Yellowstone, and their two daughters, eight-year-old Stephanie and five-year-old Bridget.



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